

Eco Team Work Session Agenda – November 7, 2005

DEQ Northwest Region Office, 1st floor, room 1A
2020 SW 4th Ave., Portland, OR 97201

9:50 Arrive and settle in

10:00 Review the meeting agenda and what we need to accomplish – *Mikell*

10:10 **Continue prioritizing data needs – All**

The purpose of prioritizing the data needs we identified is to determine which data gaps we will take forward to the LWG. All of the data gaps we take forward to the LWG will be ones that we agree need to be filled, even if some are contingent on additional sampling or analysis that is planned for the coming months.

Expected outcome: Continue working through the Data Needs Table (bring your notes from our November 2 meeting) and agree on categories for each data need as defined below.

- **Yes** – We will take these data needs forward to the LWG, in addition to any comments related to contingencies, priorities, uncertainties and timelines for filling the data need. These data needs are essential to an adequate RI and ERA. They represent data that will reduce our uncertainty in key areas, and they directly relate to developing clean up levels for the site that meet our RAOs. *Compelling justification is needed.*
- **No** – We will not take these data needs forward to the LWG. Given the 2008 timeline and our higher priority data needs, these data needs are not essential to an adequate RI and ERA. *Justification could still be helpful in seeking this data during the RD/RA phase, after the 2008 ROD.*
- **Unknown** – We have not decided whether to take these data needs forward to the LWG, and we may revisit them before finalizing our direction to the LWG.
(will include a 45 minute lunch break)

3:30 **Finalizing our recommendation for proceeding with the ERA – All**

Expected outcome: The Team has developed a number of draft products that together, comprise our technical recommendation on how the ERA should proceed. EPA has asked for our final recommendation package by November 18. At our November 7 meeting, we will talk briefly about the status of our draft products, discuss the needed steps for finalizing them, and appoint a subgroup to do the final work. We will agree on deadlines for the subgroup to send the final package back to the Eco Team for review (by 11/14?), for team members to provide comments to the subgroup (by 11/16?), and for comments to be incorporated in the final package to EPA (by 11/18, if possible). Our draft products include:

- **Final Eco CSM** – The final version includes changes from our November 1-2 meeting. We need to provide justification for the major changes made.
- **Revised Food Web Structures** – We made slight modifications to the food web structures that the LWG proposed in the 4/23/04 PH Workplan (Figures 5-4 and 5-5). We need to provide brief explanation for the minor changes we made.
- **Draft Assessment Endpoint Table** – The current version includes rough-draft comments from the Eco Team from our October 3-4 meeting. It needs to be reviewed and edited for consistency with our direction on the ERA approach and the Data Needs Table.

- **Data Needs Table** – Following our November 7 meeting, the Data Needs Table will be finalized with clear justification for the data needs identified and clear comments on how the needs should be filled.
- **Draft ERA Approach** – Draft summaries of our agreements on the ERA approach (from our October 24-25 and November 1-2 meetings) need to be reviewed, clarified where needed, and finalized with clear justification to support our direction.
- **Draft Management Objectives** – The Eco Team subgroup is meeting at 1:00 on November 8 to develop draft management objectives for the PH ERA. Eric will take the lead on writing them and sending them to the whole Eco Team for review and comment by November 11. We need to agree on a deadline for getting comments back to Eric and for finalizing the objectives before November 18.

4:00 Discuss any preparation needed for the November 9 Integration Meeting

4:30 Discuss other pressing Eco Team tasks

- Analysis of the multi-plate tissue samples
- Others?

5:00 Adjourn

Future meetings

November 8: Subgroup meeting on ERA management objectives at 1:00, DEQ office
Conference call with Lyndel at 2:00 p.m.

November 9: TCT Integration meeting in Portland at NOAA, Columbia Room B, 8:30 – 4:00

November 21: *Tentative* Benthic Interpretive Approach discussion in Seattle (?)

November 29-30: Hold for Eco Team meeting in Portland (?) if needed (topic not yet identified)

December 13-14: Eco Team meeting in Seattle on Food Web Model (12/13) and other work

** A future meeting may be needed to discuss key aspects of ERA direction from the government team